

Public Health Department

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Did your boy or girl make their grade in school this year? Have you asked the teacher how many failed to make their grade in your school during the past year? It costs \$20 to \$30 a year for each school pupil. Your school board will be selecting the teacher for the coming year in a short time. The question of school expense is one that your school board will be considering at this time and as a patron of the school you should be making inquiry as to the number in your school who failed to pass at the end of the term. Those children who fail are costing the school district just twice as much as the others for an education.

There is a cause for this, and it will be frequently found to be a physical defect with the child that has been overlooked by the parents and teacher. It may be one that can be corrected with a pair of \$2.50 eye glasses; or it may be due to adenoids, enlarged tonsils or defective hearing, the result of adenoids. The boy or girl who cannot see the blackboard, who can't spell, who can't breathe through their nose and can't be interested, does not compete at all with the normal boy or girl.

Remove the adenoids, furnish them with glasses and make interest possible and you will have fewer repeaters in your school, and all pupils will be interested and the teacher will be able to render much better service and the pupils will be much more interested in their work, and you will have saved your school fund the amount of the per capita

cost, multiplied by the number of repeaters.

The Rat.

The rat is a recognized carrier of a number of diseases. He is subject to typhoid, cancer, trichinosis, plague and other serious maladies. Rats are of absolutely no value and are now recognized by the whole world as a menace to health and as carriers of disease. Not only from one community to another, but from one country to another, as they are noted travelers, especially by vessels. From their great propensity to travel, the rat, from his native home in China, has overrun the entire world. Today a serious problem is the elimination of the rat, both as an economic, as well as a health measure.

Hydrophobia.

If all the dogs in Oklahoma were kept muzzled for a few years and no dog was permitted to come in from outside the State, rabies or hydrophobia would disappear. The dogs then could be unmuzzled without danger to man or beast.

During the year of 1903, three citizens of Oklahoma died from hydrophobia, and in the neighborhood of three hundred were bitten by rabid dogs. We have no means of estimating the number of horses, cattle and hogs that died from hydrophobia. At the meeting of the State Medical association in Guthrie, May 12th, 13th and 14th, one doctor reported the loss of 120 head of cattle from hydrophobia. Why delay taking precautionary measures against this disease when it is so easy to prevent the same?

THE WEEK IN THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Walter Parker)

New Orleans, May 20.—Exhaustion of old crop supply and a more or less unfavorable new crop outlook over an important cotton belt area, coupled with a persistent demand for the actual stuff, would, under normal conditions, set the stage for a marked advance in cotton values. But the cotton trade, long harassed by the fear of hostile legislation and only recently brought to hope that Congress would extend scientific regulation, is in no mood to risk good money now that Congress seems inclined to let the matter of regenerative legislation go over to some other session when the labor of educating a new set of statesmen would have to be done all over again. Consequently current bullish factors pass undiscounted and the market hangs fire. Consumption continues on a record breaking scale, the carryover into the new season will be small, and an adequate new crop supply is by no means assured.

Under the circumstances, the trade is inclined to blame a dilatory Congress for current market stagnation.

What the trade needs to know first is, whether or not there is to be any legislation, and, second, if there is to be legislation, what its character is to be, and when it will be effected. Knowledge on these points would permit an enormous world-wide industry to adapt itself to conditions, and then move along normal orderly channels.

As a matter of fact, with the adoption by New York of Government standard types, and commercial grade differences, only one thing remains to be done by New York, that of identifying each bale certificated for tender, to establish a mathematical parity between the American markets, which in turn would place the American markets on a proper trade basis. So it now really matters little to the trade whether they get good legislation or none at all, so long as they know what to expect. Bad legislation would, of course, injure the industry in every direction.

Meanwhile, only 62,404 bales were brought to light this week as against 75,204 bales this week last year. Thus far, 13,947,050 bales have been accounted for, making 11,934,000 bales to date, as contrasted with 11,680,000 last year.

Exports continue to increase. This week they aggregated 102,407 bales, as against 97,799 last week, the total to date being 8,259,866 bales, as against 7,875,150 to even date last year.

The decrease in the visible supply of American from Saturday to Saturday was 148,126 bales, as contrasted with a decrease of 103,719 bales last year.

But in spite of these bullish statistics and continued bullish new crop news from the west, July New Orleans gained only 13 points and July New York only 15 points, net, on the six days' trading because of uncertainty over the legislative outlook.

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It is really amusing to note the method employed by some merchants to induce unsuspecting buyers to purchase unknown goods in the sale of which large profits can be exacted.

A large department store recently offered for sale a widely advertised article at greatly reduced prices. Although I reached the store early next morning to "avoid the rush" I found many others ahead of me who had also been attracted by the bargain sale announcement. While there was a large display of the articles in question not a single one of the brand mentioned in the advertisement was shown. The clerk who waited on me spent several minutes endeavoring to convince me that the line they were showing was as good in every way as the particular make I called for. However, as I insisted,

he seemed very glad to give me what I wanted at the price advertised; although it is safe to say that practically all of the other shoppers accepted the brand of unknown quality.

Many merchants throughout the country use the method of featuring established brands of goods at cut prices to get people into their shops and then try to induce them to accept unbranded or unknown brands that bring long profits. This custom is not only unfair to the buying public that "pays the bills," but is a gross injustice to the manufacturers of standard lines who are trying to sustain their reputations by giving the people the highest quality of goods possible for the prices asked. The remedy is in your hands.

SHANNON BUILDING ASSURED

Architect Biffle Drawing Plans and Work on Modern Brick Building Will Commence at Fourth and Main at Once.

It was announced a few days ago by Ober L. Shannon that he has definitely decided to erect a modern brick business house at the corner of Fourth and Main streets, and that plans are being prepared by Architect Jim Biffle and that actual work of construction will commence just as soon as material can be gotten on the ground. The little house which is on the lot now and which has been used as a residence and office by Dr. Lena McCrory, will be moved to Mr. Shannon's lot back of his residence and fixed up for a rent house. The building which Mr. Shannon will build will be seventy-six feet on Main street and 150 feet deep, to cost in the neighborhood of \$7,000. The building will be of brick and concrete and modern throughout. Mr. Shannon will probably rent the building to the garage operated by himself and Horace Marshall.

The building which Dr. W. A. Clark contemplated building adjoining that of Mr. Shannon is not entirely assured, but will probably be built at the same time as the Shannon building.

MUST REPAIR PAVING.

At the meeting of the city council Tuesday night it was decided to demand of the contractors who laid the paving on Second avenue that they repair the bad places in the paving in this street immediately, and a formal demand will be made to this effect.

MISSIONARIES SELECTED.

Miss Sade Nesbitt and Miss Irene McCain of the Presbyterian College Faculty will go to China for Missionary Duties.

News was given out Thursday to the effect that the board of foreign missions of the Southern Presbyterian church have selected Miss Sade Nesbitt and Miss Irene McCain of the Oklahoma Presbyterian college faculty of this city for missionary duties in China, whence they will leave some time this summer or fall. On Monday afternoon of the coming week a farewell reception will be tendered them at the home of Mrs. Jack Morgan on Elm street, given by the Women's Missionary society of the Durant church.

Miss Nesbitt will be stationed at Kashiung, where she will be the business manager of the mission and school at that place, having about fifteen missionaries working under her. The church owns considerable property there and the position is a very responsible one.

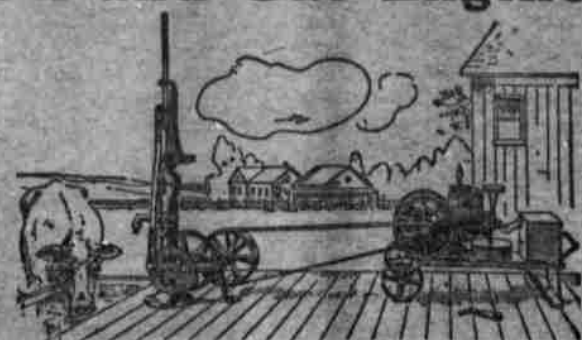
Miss McCain will be stationed at the mission at Soochow, where she will be an instructor in the mission school at that place.

These two positions are filled with extreme care on the part of the board of missions who look carefully into the spiritual and educational qualifications of the applicants before making the selections, and the appointment of these two ladies are considered as signal honors. Miss

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Nesbitt will leave for her post the coming fall. Miss McCain will go earlier in the summer.

PREPARING FOR "ENDYMION."

The students of the Presbyterian college are making elaborate preparations for the presentation of the Greek play "Endymion," which the college will stage as its number of the lyceum course on Wednesday night, May 27th, at the Opera House. The direction of the play is in the hands of Miss Nina Oeschman, teacher of expression at the college. Some forty-five characters are seen in the play, and the costumes and scenic effects are very elaborate and attractive. The play is essentially a drama with little dashes of comedy and music running all the way thru. The trend of the plot deals with mythological characters and is considered one of the best plays of the kind ever staged.

WILL REPAIR BAD STREETS.

The city council in session Tuesday of last week authorized the street and alley committee to work in conjunction with street commissioner George Roberts and see to it that every bad place in the streets and alleys of the city are repaired at once.

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